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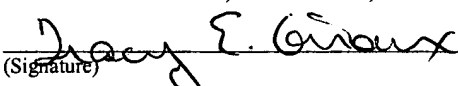

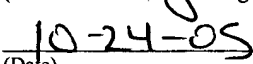
Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Richard Schnizer

For: **REDUCING CULLING IN HERD ANIMALS GROWTH HORMONE  
RELEASING HORMONE (GHRH)**

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Sir:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

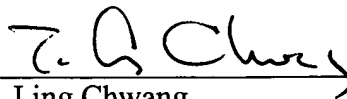
In response to the Examiner's communication mailed September 24, 2005, having a deadline for response expiring September 24, 2005, extended by petition enclosed herewith until October 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute **Invention I** without traverse.

- I. Claims 1-9, 11-20, 22-28, and 30-76, drawn to methods of decreasing involuntary cull in farm animals, improving body condition score (BCS) in farm animals, or increasing milk production in dairy cows by delivering into muscle of the animal, or into tissue of the cow, an expression construct encoding GHRH; and**

The remaining restricted group Invention II will be prosecuted separately under a divisional application.

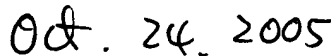
The election of **Invention I** does not change the inventorship of this application. The Examiner is invited to give the undersigned a telephone call if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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